stores, were all open and swarming with late shoppers. The street-vender shricked his wares: the organ-grinder tried to contend with the overwhelming racket and failed; the crowd hooled and yelled and shricked and made a bluff at talking, which nobody could hear or wished

The street was brilliantly lighted from and to and. The electric arcs were supplemented by the glare from the open stores and it was plain as daylight all along the way. Bon-fires started from several corners. Volleys of roman candles shot from side to side of the broad

Honaly slipped to the cobble-stones thun-

smaller pop-cracker rattled continuously. Every now and then a shower of sky rockets would whiz through the air and disappear. Every man, woman and whild seemed armed with some concoction in the shape of a stick that had an explosive, and with these an unbroken racket was kept up. Spit-devils, well deserving the name, would suddenly arise in the very midst of the crowd, reel a few yards through the air and then drop back again.

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The scenes on the sidewalks were of the usual sort. All sorts of people were there—men, women and children. Bevies of pretty girls hustled by and smiled at the efforts of the young men to disturb them with the explosives. Here and there a miss would retort bravely with an ear-splitting blast from a long tin horn or a whack from her cane. At one or two corners, in striking contrast with the fostive scene all about, sat a hind leggar in tattored clothing. A woman thus sat against a pole near Fighth. She painfully ground a small hand-organ and now and then piteously asked for sims. But her voice and the voice of the little organ were lost in the din, and she sat neglected—hardly seen. For her the Christmas festivity meant nothing except, perhaps, the means wherewith to recure her crust of bread. She was blind.

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Smaller; More Orderly.

It seems by common consent to be conceded that the crowd this year was yensiderably smaller than last. This was, perhaps, due to the threatening state of the weather. Certainly better order prevailed than ever before. At times there and in spots the crowd would go a little beyond the bounds, but these times and spots were few and far apairt. Two or three small fights occurred, but there was nothing of a serious sort. The police on the street said they had never seen a more orderly Christmas Eve.

The stores did a thriving business. The majority of them kept open until 11 eclock or after. Some of them, particularly the dry goods stores and the bargain counters, were packed to suffocation, but the clerks managed to handle the crowda very well indeed. This last-minute shopping is a very remarkable things, so intense is the anxiety of some of the mothers and daughters and wives and, sweethearts and husbands and others to secure what they have wanted until this eleventh hour to buy. But they manage to do it somehow.

THOUSANS IN CHECKS

them some special mark of appreciation. It happily selected this Christmas as the occasion when this should be done. A few days ago each of the eighteen or twenty white employes, from the highest to the lowest, received a note requesting him to call at the office of the gentlemen who composed the cid firm. They did so and each man received a check varying in amount according to his period of service with the firm. No. one received ing in amount according to his period of service with the firm. No. one received less than No.; It is said that the largest check was for \$2,500. There were others for \$100, \$500, \$1,000 and so en. Some of the more humble employes were positively overcome. They had never before known what it was to have as much as \$500 at one time and they straightway opened a one time, and they straightway opened bank account, a new experience for them. The gifts will probably cause many of them thus to begin to save from their thus to begin to save from their

them that begin was a searchings.

The list of white employes of the T. C. Williams Branch of the British-American company begins with the name of Mr. W. S. Wortham, secretary and treasurer of the S. Wortham, secretary and treasurer of the company, and includes the following: J. C. Knox, L. E. Sutton, H. L. Hartwell, W. W. Payne, A. S. Rust, C. H. Godsey, A. J. Morrissisett, Wirtley Dickey, J. B. Long, John Oliver, B. L. Johnson, W. McK. Ffisher, W. H. Campbell, A. E. Campbell, N. H. Cobbs, Dabney Burford, W. F. Dance and one or two others.

THE ORDER OF EAGLES IS ABOUT TO CELEBRATE

C. West and E. R. Fuller have the arrangements in charge. It is believed that the affair will be one of the pleasantest of this nature ever given in this city. The members of the local aerie are becoming more numerous every month, and already steps have been taken in a movement looking to the establishment of a home for the resource and comfort of the manfor the pleasure and comfort of the mem-

At the next regular meeting of the aerie the newly elected officers will be installed. State Deputy Horace Bluford, of Norfolk, will officiate at the installation.

SHOOTING AFFRAY.

One Negro Seriously Wounds Another in Manchester.

Another in Manchester.

About I o'clock this morning Richard Pattgroon and Walter Dickerson, two negroes, became involved in a dispute in Manchester on Hull Street, near the Petersburg Railroad crossing Patterson shot Dickerson twice in the head, He made his escape, but was arrested soon after by Sergeant Alex. Wright and Officer Waymack in Tenyard Bottom and lodged in jail.

The wounded negro is in a serious condition, but how budly he is hurt Dr. E. T. Rucker, who was called in, colld not asy this morning.

Mr. Morriss Better.

The condition of Mr. R. F. Morris, who is ill at his home, on North Seventi Street, was somewhat improved last night





MERRY CHRISTMAS

and may we never become so indifferent-so worldly-or so case-hardened as to lorget its

A KINDLY WISH

that all the good things of life— blended with the sweetness of happiness-may come to you and yours in 1904.

Sincerely.



CUTTINGS AND FIRING

Christmas Eve Celebrated Rather Strenuously in Some Quarters.

NEGRO SHOOTS A WHITE BOY

White Woman Chopped on the Head, But She Refuses to Make Any Charges.

A series of shooting scrapes and accidents of various sorts marked the pas-sage of Christmas-eve in Richmond, None of the cases are serious and but few arrests were possible.

About 10 o'clock last night Frank Kelliher, a young white man, was shot by an unknown negro on Byrd Street, between Sixth and Seventh. The ball penetrated the right shoulder and came within about one inch of being fatal. Kelliher says the negro suddenly drew his pistol, tired, and then scurried away in the dark-

ness.

Haddon Fuller, a white man, was cut in the forearm by a negro in the Third Police District at 5:45 P. M. The wound is not serious.

A white woman, named Rosa Lee, No 123 East Frankin Street, was hit over the head with an axe about 12 o'clock last right, and narrowly escaped bleeding to death. She was treated by the ambulance surgeons.

Elia Cola, colored, was shot in the left arm by a man in Shook's Alley, in Jackson Ward, about 19 F. M., and was painfully hurt.

Nathan Senvey, a negro boy, was shot inst

son Ward, anothe by the fully hurt.

Nathan Senvey, a negro boy, was shot in the left knee in Jackson Ward last night, assailant unknown.

Willic Wood, colored, was handling a pistol recklessly, and shot the index finger of his left hand off.

There were several other smaller accidents, resulting chiefly from drunks.

FINGER IN DANGER.

Carried to Mecklenburg County Jail for Safekeeping.

Dixie Aerie, No. 338, of the Fraternal Order of Eagles is busy already perfecting arrangements for their grand celebration of their anniversary, March 23, 1904. The grand worthy president of the order, Congressman Timothy D. Sullivan, or New York, has signified his intention to be present, and many other distinguished members of the order are expected to be present on this interesting occasion.

In the afternoon appropriate exercises with a programme of amusements, will take place, followed by a banquet in the evening.

A committee consisting of Messrs. William Reinhelmer, chairman; Charles R. McKee, M. Daniels, P. T. Murphy, John Billey, G. E. Guvernator, John H. Campbell, N. C. Redford, Gus Bernier, William Toler, Lonnie Wilkon, John M. Ryall, J. C. West and E. R. Fuller have the arrangements in charge. It is believed that the affair will be one of the pleasantest.

Carried to McKeeping.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
SALISBURY: N. C., Dec. 24.—Burt Finger, the neigh of mander in attack on Captuin John A. Fowler, at attack on Captuin John A. Fowler attack on Captuin John A. Fowler in the attack on Captuin John A. Fowl

A movement is on foot, and has been well nigh perfected, whereby Salishury will secure a hundsome and commodious opera house to cost about \$15,000. The structure will be up-to-date in every re-spect, and it is expected that work will tegin in the near future.

THE COLORED POOR.

Efforts to be Made to Raise a Fund for Them.

The colored churches of all denominations will make a united effort to-day to assist the poor of their race, who are much in need of help.

The preachers of the various churches will make it a text of their sermons "to help the poor." There will be no impositions practiced on the congregations concerning an after collection, but the poorsants offering will be taken as a general collection.

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Rev. W. F. Graham, of the American Insurance Company, is leading this good work among the colored people, and atto-day's services he expects to secure a large sum for the colored poor.

Rev. Graham himself has contributed over \$260 this month to the various associations for the relief of the poor colored people.

There will be special services at the people,
There will be special services at the
First Street Baptist Church by the B. Y.
P. U. circle.

Mrs. Fanny Ogburn.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
GRELNSHORO, N. C., Dec. 21.—Mrs.
Fanny Ogburn Andrews, reliet of the late
L. W. Andrews, died at 1 o'clock last
night, aged sixty-five years. She was a
most estimable and nightly-beloved weman, and had born with great patience
the affliction of being paralized since last
May. She will be burled at Greene 5:01
Cemetery to-morrow, with services at the
West Market Street Methodist Church, of
which she was a devoted member,

CLUBMEN LETTER FROM KILLED IN HAVE FEAST

Westmoreland and Virginia Give He Tells of His Acquaintance Christmas Entertain-

Distinguished Men of All Professions and Business Mingle in Good-Fellowship.

was ushered in at the Westmoreland Club last night, when no less than 600 men, representing the Very pride and chivalry of the old Capital City, gathered under the hospitable roof of the famous clubhouse at the corner of Sixth and Grace

The entertainment was the usual ante Christmas one, and though entirely informal, was highly enjoyable. There have been but few gatherings in Richmond re-

been but few gatherings in Richmond recently where so many prominent men
were present, and they were confined to
no protession or calling.
State officials, physicians, lawyers,
judges, ministers and business men met,
and mingled with one another, and each
seemed to contribute to the happiness
and, good spirits of all the rest.
The entertainment was under the direct
charge of Chairman Allen Potts and
his House Committee, and Mr. F. A. S.
Brine, manager of the club, and they
were praised by all hands for the splendid success which attended their efforts.
GOVERNOR A FAVORITE.
The members of the House Committee,
other than Chairman Potts, were Messrs,
John Maliory, J. H. Moneure and George
M. Reid.

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Governor Montague was a favorite during the evening, and a great deal of attention was paid him by those present. The same may be said of Lieutenant-Governor Willard, who entered heartily, as did His Excellency, into all the festivities, Judges Keith and Harrison, of the Supreme Court, were distinguished figures, as was also Hon. J. Taylor Ellyson. Rev. Drs. Russell Cecil, George Cooper, W. R. L. Smith, James P. Smith and Rabbi Calisch were among the prominent ministers on hand, and Judges Ingram. Scott and Grinnan, of the city courts, were prominent figures.

The entertainment was given by the city for the members and their friends, each of the former being allowed to bring one of the latter. Music, song, speeches and good things to ext and drink entertained and enlivened the party to a late hour, and everyone seemed to enjoy the evening greatly.

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A chorus, led by Mr. Eugene Jones, rendered several songs with line cilied, and intally the climax of this branch of the entertainment was reached, when at Governor Montague's request they sang. 'In the Good Old Summertime.'

CUILD NOT RESIST.

Rabbi Calisch was called upon and made the control of the contr

beautiful Christmas tree, which attracted much attention.

The affair was by far one of the mostbrilliant and ergovable held in Richmond for some time.

Verginia Club had a similar informal entercainment for its members and their friends last night, and will have
"open house" during all of to-duy.

Those who attended lust night all had a good time, and many of them will return to renew pleasant moments to-day.

ACCOUNTANT ON STAND. Alfred Rose Tells About Bethlehem Affairs.

hem Affairs.

(By Associated Press.)

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—Alfred Rose, the accountant who made the investigation of the financial status of the Bethlehem Steel Company for receiver Smith, resumed the stand at the shipbuilding hearing to-day, continuing his testimony about the result of his investigations. The construction and repair accounts of Bethlehem were the first subjects of inquiry by Counsel Untermyer, his object being to find if excessive expenditures were made under the headings in order to withheld dividends on the Bethlehem stock held by the shipbuilding company.

Mr. Guthric tried to get the witness to say that if \$20,000 of \$20,000 of partly finished or finished product was due from the United States government and had been billed, in would consider it proper to include the profits on such accounts in the inventory of the company.

"To anticipate profits," the witness replied, "is a dangerous thing to do, as we have found by examination of other concerns than the shipbuilding company.

"If anything in your testimony of this morning seemed to be an asperation on the honor or integrity of any of the officers of the Bethlehem plant, may I nak, Mr. Rose, if it was your intention that such an inference or charge should be against them?" asked Mr. Guthrie.

"Assuredly not; that was not my intention, and, if any such inference should be dependent of the corry," replied the witness.

An adjournment was then taken to January 5tn, 1904.

HOW THE TERRIBLE DIN LAST NIGHT WAS MADE

The ingenuity of the Richmond mind did not give a particularly good account of itself in finding methods for making folses on Broad Street last night, Scarce iy a single new idea was put into practice. One lad had improved upon an old scheme with some success. Instead of getting etleks or a cane to heat the fin bash he was carrying, for a drum stick he bought a tin dipper, and hammered on his bash, not only to his heart's content, but to the distraction of all around him.

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Horns-all ages, all conditions, all lengths; and possessing all manner of voices-ware out in pienty. There were dinner bells, just little linklers; there were dinner bells, just little linklers; there were dinner bells, just little linklers; there were dinner bells. There were dynamite canes far more popular than every there were pop-erackers, from tiny swizzers, which go off "pish", along the pavement, to the limit-No. 5. Occasionally some fellow would explode one that sounded like he was No. 45, but then the nearest policeman was a block away, and the affair went off in noise. There were tin pans and jim jams and every manner of clangs, until heads were bursting with unspeakable pangs, and every masculing lip was uttering "dangs."

The Bijou.

"Across the Pacific," a thrilling melo-drama, which has been playing to crowded houses all the week, will give two performances to-day-mattine and night. The play is one of the most ex-citing melodramas Richmond has seen-And, what is more, it is well acted by good actors and actresses, with an abun-dance of spiendid scenery.

Policeman Ill.

Policeman Frayser, one of the oldest members of the force, connected with the Third District, is very ill at his home on Pine Street.

GEN. WOOD

With Edgar D. Bellaires and of His Career.

EAT, DRINK AND ARE MERRY STORY FALSE AND SILLY

Started by People in Cuba Whom He Had to Handle With Gloves Off While There.

(By Associated Press.)

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—The Commersigned by General Leonard Wood, and addressed to Dr. Horace Flatcher, of Yale University, in which the writer tells of his acquaintance with Edgar D. Bellaires In the letter, which was written at Calro on May 12th last, General Wood, refeiring to Bellaires, said: "In the spring or 1800 he was promoted to Havana (from Santiago), not at my request or suggestion, direct or indirect, as I refavors of me, or, as far as I know, from any one.

"After my transfer to Havana, as governor of the whole Island, in December, 1890, Bellaires continued on duty, should say, about five months, and was lien sent to China and the Philippines, not at my suggestion nor request, di rectly or indirectly. I was sorry to have him go, as we all liked him and found him reliable.

BELIFFVER IN MILITARY.

"In the Philippines Bellaires was a believer in military government instead of civil, and apparently wrote accordingly, and, of course, trouble with the civil government in the way of loss of friendly relations followed. After Bellaires left Havana ugly rumors about him began to be circuated. They came almost, entirely from a number of men who did not like him, and, on investigation, nothing definite was found. I heard from him very seldom. Finally some one published what purports to be a story of Bellaires' pal, and points out that he was my particular friend, and that I sent him to China, and that attitude toward civil government was at my suggestion, and that I was working to relieve Tatt, etc., etc., conclusions as false as they are childish and silly.

UNKNOWN SOURCE. BELIEVER IN MILITARY.

UNKNOWN SOURCE. "Who started the thing no one knows, but doubtless some of the people I had to handle without gloves during my stay

"It was far-fetched and dishonest, and intended to create trouble. This is the whole story. Bellaires was in no way especially intimate with me nor my family—that is to say, I don't think that in all his Cuban service that he was at my table more shart, tires, or, at most, four, times.

"I saw him daly, has I did the Sun man, and, save them, such news as I could. They were treated exactly alike."

The Engine Turned Over.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
(HATHAM, VA., Doc. 24.—Engine of iceal treight northbound, while shifting cars at the Southern depot Thursday, was thrown from the track by the monkey switch rod.

The engineer and fireman, seeing the impending danger, jumped just in time to save themselves from the overturning engine, and nobody was hurt.

Concealed Weapons.

William Williams, colored, and another negro, too drunk to give his name, are tocked up at the First Station on the charge of being drunk and carrying concelled weapons. Williams had a pistol, and the other negro a pistol and razor.

Shoplifter Caught.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
NORFOLIX, VA. Dec. 24.—isabolia
White, colored, was arrosted to-night in
a Main-Street department store, charged
with shoplifting. A bundle taken from
the woman contained a varied assortment
of high-priced articles, and at her house
was found much costly property.
The value of the articles in the aggregate amounts to several hundred dollars.

JAMESTOWN

Real Estate Men Subscribe to the Stock, and Also a Land Company.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) NORPOLK, VA., Dec. 24.—Senator Cromwell says that Mr. Whitchead met him on Main Street to-day and apologized for having said he would burn him in

offigy for breaking the quorum. The real estate dealers to-day sub-scribed \$11,000 to the stock of the expo-There remains \$150,000 to be raised by the new year. The South Ghent Company to-day took \$5,000 of the stock

DESERTERS' CASE. The defendants, Frank Moree, et als. in the cases where the United States prosecutes them for aiding a deserter to scape are still before Commissioner Riddleberger. They will probably be held for the United States court.

Ward, one of the defendants, to-day attempted to involve Policeman Barrom by saying that he offered rewards for naval deserters, TO SELL OUT BANKRUPT.

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Judge Waddill, in the United States
court to-day, issued an order to the owners of the Builders' Manufacturing Company, a bankrupt corporation, to show
cause why the plant should not be sold.
It is valued at \$36,000.

SINCE THE WAR HEUMATISM LUCAGE IN EVERY CASE. Muscular, Gouty, Ecitetic, Indianimatory, "FAMOUS PRESCRIPTION 100, 384 A HAINLESS TREATMENT based on Science and Rense. Cures "Injurables." "Got's Redicts." At drugglet, 75c, Bottle. Wall BULLING, UNIVERSITY PL. CE, EVENTORS.

THE WRECK

'Is Sixty-eight, Number Injured Nine.

SAD SCENE AT THE MORGUES MANY VIRGINIA COUPLES WED

the Morbid Crowds That Pack the Streets.

(By Associated Press.)
CONNELLSVILLE, PA., Dec., 24.—The summing up of the results of last night's wreck of the Dequesne limited, on the list of sixty-four and nine injured. Connellavillo has been packed to-day with curious people attracted by the wreck. The three morgues have found it necesmorbid speciators from jumping into the small rooms and walking over the forms of the dead. The streets are packed and in front of each of the undertaking establishments hundreds of people are grouped, eagerly waiting for a glimpse at the dead bodies. Friends and relatives of the victims are coming in on every train and scenes at the morgues are most distressing.

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All but a few of the sixty-eight bodies have been identified and those who are still unknown will be laid away in Hill Grove Cemetery at the dawn of Christmas.

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D. W. Hills, porter on one of the sleep-

D. W. Hills, porter on one of the sleep-ers, said that as soon as he could get off his car he went forward and heard some one shouting from the top of the bank, where he, by going forward, rec-ognized Hilgot's voice. He was in terrible agony, but shouted at the top of his voice:

"For God's sake, I am scalded to death, but some of you get a red lump and flag 49, or she will be on us."

WAS A HERO.

A story of courage and heroism seldom equaled, is told of Benjamin Nicnols, steward on the dining car. His name is being sung with praises by railroaders

being sung with praises by railroaders and the surviving passengers to-day. When the terrible slide of the engine when the torrible sing of the engine dragged the train whirling sideways along the road. Nichols was in the dining car. Before the car had made its last lurch, Nichols had leaped and was running toward the smoker, which was reduced to a matter of twisted from and splinters, and the crash had forn the escape valve from the top of the engine and the steam was shooting in the car upon the strug-gling mass of smoking humanity The escaping steam was first thing that attracted the plucky steward. Taking off his coat he ripped and tore the garment until it was in shreds. With this he plugged up the pipe and shut of the steam. Then he plunged into the suffocating car and carried out victims until exhausted.

LEE LEWIS SHOT BY DEPUTY MAY

Out of Election Row-Other

(By Associated Press.)
KNOXVILLE, TENN., Doc. 24.—Deputy Sheriff T. R. May shot and killed Lee Lowis at Howell's Station, in this aty Sheriff T. R. May shot and killed Lee Lewis at Howell's Station, in this county, to-night. The shooting was the result of an old grudge of several years' standing, due to trouble at an election polling place. May is now on his way to Knoxville to surrender to Sheriff Fox, his chief. Carl Wolsey, son of Rov. John Wolsey, who happened to be behind Lewis, was shot in the hip and seriously wounded by one of the stray bullets.

Wesley Bright, a young man living near Louden, Tenn., was cleaning his gun to-day, preparing to go hunting to-morrow. In trying to ascertain whether it was loaded he put the muzzle in his mouth and blow through the barrel, and with the loe of his shoe pushed back the hammer. The hammer slipped from his too and the load of the gun went through his head, tearing it almost off.

Near Madisonville, Tenn., Lon Cagle shot and instantly killed Lee Rasar to-day, while they were involved in a quarrel, due to too much whistey. Cagle day, while they were involved in a quar-rel, due to too much whiskey. Cagle and two other men in the party were

LONG HOLIDAY FOR CITY HALL PEOPLE

'We do not need any proclamation.

"We do not need any proclamation. We are the people said His Honor, the Biayor, yesterday, when asked if he was proclaiming holiday at the City Hall." I have told the boys to shut up at noon and this will be done where it does not conflet with public business."

This order prevalled, and at 12 o'clock M. the clevators stopped and practically all the offices were closed until to-morrow morning at the usual opening hour. The Corporation Commission rooms will not be open to-morrow, following out the policy laid down by the Governor for the other State officers. Messrs. Stuart and Fairfax and all of their out-of-town employes have gone to their respective homes to spend the holidays.

When The Times-Dispatch man was leaving the City Hall he dropped in to wish Mayor Taylor a happy Christmas. The kindly greeting was cordially returned, His Honor adding: "That is all I am slowed to do for my friends under the Barkedale law."

DESPERATE * **ENCOUNTER**

The Total Number of the Dead Men Quarrel Over the Turning of a Seat in a Coach and One Is Cut.

Guards Necessary to Keep Back Many Go to North Carolina to Marry Because the Virginia Legislature Made a Blunder.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

GREENSBORO, Dec. 24.—There was a very serious cuitting affray this morning at the passenger station, in a coach of the train for Raleigh. While wallting for the train for Raleigh. While wallting for the train to leave two passengers. Mr. J. A. Holmes, of Hillsboro, a clerk there, and Ellis Shaw, a cotton mile operative, of Big Alamance, had some dispute over the truning of a seat in the coach. It ended by Shaw's suddainly whipping out a knife and proceeding to slash Mr. Helmes in a most deaporate and violent sight. He was badly cut across the chest, but one almost deadly gash whs made across the flest, part of the arm near the shouldst, severing the muscles and striking the bone.

The gush of blood from this gaping cut was something tearful to the terrified occupants of the car, but the flow of blood was luckly staunched by a physician, who was in another coach, or the injured man would have bled to death in a fow moments.

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All but a few of the sixty-eight bodies have been identified and those who are still unknown will be laid away in Hill Grove Cemetery at the dawn of Christman morning.

Those who are still to be identified are mostly foreigners and it is doubtful if their identity will ever be known.

MUCH MONEY FOUND.

Considerable money was found on the persons of the unidentified, and tightly sewed in a belt on one foreigner, was found more than \$400, which was placed in the First National Bank.

Sums ranging from \$100 to \$300 were found, and this, like the balance, has been put in the bank until perhaps some time in relative may be located. Many of the victims of the wreck have been robbed. They are several who are known to have had a large amount of money and jewelry on their persons. Not a single cent was found in the pockets of several of these, and it was plainly visible that rings had been taken from the fingers.

Coroner Arthur Hagen, of Fayette county, arrived in Connellsville, to-day and immediately swore in the coroner's jury. The jury is now viewing the remains and taking evidence as to the cause of the disaster.

Louis Hilgot, the conductor of the train, was in the second day coach when the crash came, and no one knows just how or what happened to him until afterwards.

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a trip South. Mr. May was married at Reideville yesterday evening to Miss Annel Johnston, at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Johnston. Miss Alice May, sister of the groom, accompanied them here.

Another Virginia couple came over to get legally married last night.

This makes six Virginia marriages here in the pare week. It is said that there is a hlatus in the marriage license laws of Virginia by an oversight of the Legislature in ropealing the old law and not chacting its substitute, and that anybody can get married there now to as many persons as they please, because there is no marriago law for the past ten days, and that all married people since then will have to have it done over again when the new law is cancided to make it stick.

DR. BATTLE IN THE GAME.

At prayer meeting last night, Rev. Dr. H. W. Battle was called to the Guilford Hotel, where Mr. Irving C. McDowell, of South Boston, Va., and Miss Ida M. Glass, of Hallfax, Va., were waiting to become man and wire.

It was a beautiful, if an imprompting the companying the bridal party and acting in the ceremony were Mr. H. J. McDowell, brother of the groom; Miss Rosa Glass, sister of the bride; Miss L. a. McDowell, brother of the groom; Miss Rosa Glass, sister of the bride; Miss L. a. McDowell, brother of the groom; Miss Rosa Glass, sister of the bride; Miss L. a. McDowell, brother of the groom; Miss Rosa Glass, sister of the bride; Miss L. a. McDowell, brother of the groom; Miss Rosa Glass, sister of the bride; Miss L. a. McDowell, brother of the groom; Miss Rosa Glass, sister of the bride; Miss L. a. McDowell, brother of the groom; Miss Rosa Glass, sister of the bride; Miss L. a. McDowell, brother of the Groom; Miss Rosa Glass, sister of the bride; Miss L. a. McDowell, brother of the Groom; Miss Rosa Glass, sister of the bride; Miss L. a. McDowell, brother of the Groom; Miss Rosa Glass, sister of the bride; Miss L. a. McDowell, brother of the Groom; Miss Rosa Glass, sister of the bride; Miss L. a. a. McDowell, brother of the Groom is a po

The Star and the Song. Tragedy in Tennessee Growing
Out of Election Row—Other

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A little Child, a mother, The princes knelt in homag And offered gifts to Him.

They knew the star had brought them To one of old foretold; Their votive myrrh they proffered. Their frankincense and gold.

Across the lonely hillside,
Where silence brooded deep,
Swept sudden strains of music
Above the temple sleep, Above the watching shopherds, Who saw the skies affame, And heard upon the midnight The thrill of heaven's acciain.

The "Glory in the highest,"
Those lowly shepherds heard,
And straightway were obedient
Unto the angel's word,

They, too, went furing quickly, And in the stable dim They found the Child of Mary, And humbly knelt to Him.

Oh, star, oh, song, still lead us, Or poor, or rich, to-day, That we, with hearts adoring, May tread the Bethlehem wa

Christmas Wassail.

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Christmas wassail is kept in the Old Dominion with spiced apple toddy and misdious egg-nogg crowned with the velvety foam of whipped cream and powdered nutmes.

To those who have inhaled the steaming fragrance of the toddy and tasted the joys of egg-nogg, the warning that both are heady mixtures seems hardly necessary, for they are apt to carry their warning with them.

Nowhere is the art of making these delicious heliday heverages carried to a greater point of porfection than in Virginia. Many a Christmas guest of today, who pledges his hostess in one or both, will be prepared to confirm the truth of this assertion.

Christmas Cheer,

"Epicure cooks
Sharpen with cloyless sauce his appetite."
An attractive way to serve the Christmas plum pudding is to bring it to the table set on a base of lumps of augar, with a sprig of holly on the top and a garnish of holly about the platter. Just before cutting pour half a cup of brandy over the sugar lumps and set firs to it.

Dither hard sauce of brandy sauce is, a proper plum pudding accompaniment. When the family is too small for so large a pudding as this recipe makes, divide the quantities in two and steam it in pound baking powder this. Allow four or five inches of space in each for the pudding to swell. Cook in a sleamer. They will require less time, of course, than the large pudding. Or they may be stoamed in a small moion or fancy shaped mould, with a tight fitting lid. Small puddings made in this way, wrapped in paraffine paper, then in holy green tissue paper, ted with scarlet ribbon and addrined by a bit of holly, make very acceptable Christmas gifts. Plum pudding is always better reheated; there is wisdom in the old English rhyme:

Plum pudding hot, plum pudding cold, Plum pudding in the pot nine days old; Some like it lot, some like it cold, I like it in the pot nine days old.

Christmas Game.

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A Danish game which begins and ends at the Christmas tree, serves to amuse a crowd of childres for long time in that country, 71° is plived be followed to the place in the girls, one chouse a note reading, "Look under the place indicated, and find another note reading, "Look in fatt pocket," and, from thence they are lesswhere, to a dozen places, quite facts where the house, until the last note treads, "Look on the Christmas tree and there a substantial gift is found with the inscription, "Here I am! The trouble of placing the notes is amply regald by the delight and interest of the seekers.—G. S. T.

Hard Sauce for Plum Pudding.

The hard sauce which accompanies plum pudding is seldom made exactly as it rhould be. First, if possible, tise, unsalted butter or butter from which the salt has been well washed, then add to it bowdered sugar, never granulated, or what is called confectioners' sugar. Beat one cup of the butter till very creamy, then add two cups of the powdered sugar, then gradually the unbeaten whites of two eggs find half a cup of brandy. Set it ou the ice to chill. When ready to serve, put it in a cut gless dish and with the point of a teaspoon mark little scales all over the mound. Garnish the sauce with a spring of helly. Hard Sauce for Plum Pudding.

THE ALLOTMENT OF A BRINDLE COW

Solomon's Judgment Comes Into Good Use Again, But It's a Cow, Not a Baby.

August Smencko and Gustav Kuchner have settled their cow case, and deep chester county. They have entered into a solemn agreement, by the terms of which Smencke is to have and to hold the bow end and Kuehner the stern or dairy section; the good condition simply as a guarantee of good faith on the part

of both the contracting parties.

To go back to the beginning of the story, Philip Nordman leased a Sherman Park house and patch of land for three years and hired Gustav Kuchner and his wife to do the work. Nordman and Kuchner bought the cow in partnership, Nordman 12/jng 110 and Gustav 112. They warked the cow on chares. Gustav milked her, and Nordman sold the milk and pocketed the money.

It was Mrs. Kuchner who first suggested that there seemed to be something one sided in this division of the profits. Gustav made representations to Herr Nordman, Herr Nordman was amazed at Gustav's lack of business acumen.

"Halluf der cow you own, aind it?" said Herr Nordman, "und you der milkin do airetty! Vell, den, vat you vand—der whole tairy?"

Gustav acconted the explanation, but of both the contracting parties.

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Gustay accepted the explanation, but the there was left a hazy, half colviction in his mind that there was something not quite right in the arrangement. Then Mrs. Kuchner had to go to ciernemy, and Nordman hired August Sizentke and his wife as assistants.

Herr Nordman had to go to Albany to live and August and Gustay took the foliase by simply scratching out the name Philip Nordman and lessee and writing in their own names. The cow went with the lease, and Gustay and August now became Joint owners of her.

Gustay, however, thought he would try the milk selling end of the job himself this time, and let August get along with a feeling of half ownership and the privilege of doing the milking.

"You der bleasure hat, und I der milluk dake, vasn'd id?" he explained to August.

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But In his turn August had doubts, "Id loogs some funny pianess, py chimminy, he said to Mrs. August. Mrs. August encouraged his suspicions and there was a split between the partners, it came down to a race which should milk the cow first. The cow had baruly time to get her meals between milkings. Sho was broken of her rest and her output diminished.

The relations between the partners

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The relations between the partners became more and more strained. With Mrs. Kuehner in Germany, Mr. Kuehner was up against heavy odds. The Smenckes owned the dishes and the cook stove, and his commissary hase was threatened. As the outcome of a spirited tided the made for breakfast one inorning there was a clash, and Herr Smencke grabbed up a kulfe.

"Douch me nod." he hissed, "or I mit der messer you yill stig."

Then Gustav appealed to the courts. August and his wife were arraigned, and there was a postponement to get witnesses. A cablegram brought Mrs. Kuehner home from Gormany and Herr Nordwan come down from Albany.

Smeneke hired Lawyor Fred Van Kleeck, Jr., of Watte Plains. The parties were all in court ready for trial. But the trial didn't go on.

"Your Honor," said Lawyer Van Kleeck, "a settlement has been reached. The plaintiff and defendant have agreed to divide the cow."

"How is the cow divided?" asked the Court.

"August gets the section aft of-'mid-

Court.
"August gots the section aft of indeships," said the lawyer, "and Gustav has everything forward of the waist line."
"And" the lawyer," remarked the Court, "gots the milk. It seems very satisfactory all round."—New York Sus.

TWO MINUTES WITH JOKERS.

"What is that loud, jarring noise in the next room?" asked young l'erguson, with some uneasiness.
"It's papa," answered the young woman. "I-I think he's changing his mine about your coming, here so often."
Washington Capital. "Is there any hope for me?" asks youth, eager to bestride Pegasus

youth, eager to bestride Pegs soar, "Will I become a poet?" "There is!" replied the edito never will!"—Browning's Magaz The physician pondered the few minutes before he ventury

"I think your husband more than anything else," last, "If he could be con